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BB Weekly Update

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Attached, please find the Brooks Bawden Weekly Update and Analysis that highlights the previous week's floor and committee activities within the US Senate and House of Representatives, and this week's congressional activities that relate to law enforcement and homeland security matters. The weekly update also lists legislation introduced the previous week, which may be of interest to the law enforcement and homeland security communities. Please let us know if you would like to know more about any of the items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

Top Issues

The Federal government shutdown briefly this week for nearly three days, with an agreement finally reached to reopen the government through February 9. Significant disagreements remain on how to address a long-term spending deal, including on the topline defense and non-defense discretionary numbers, DACA and border security, and other issues.

Congressional Hearings Highlights

This week, only the Senate was in session holding hearings, with the Homeland Security Committee holding a hearing on the shipment of opioids through international mail. The Judiciary Committee held a nomination hearing and votes on numerous judicial nominations. (Find the full schedule on pg. 2)

Congressional Floor Highlights

This week, the House and Senate approved a Continuing Resolution which funds the Federal government through February 9. The Senate is also expected to consider a number of votes on nominations, including the nomination for Alex Azar to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. (Find the full schedule on pg. 2)

Highlighted Introduced Legislation

Last week, there were numerous bills introduced to restrict enforcement of marijuana laws, as well as to increase research on marijuana. Additionally, there was legislation introduced to assist in the treatment of opioid addiction, as well as resources to address rape kit backlogs. (Find the full list of introduced legislation on pg. 8)

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